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Biological defense inventions to be honored December 15

Award-winning inventions play critical role in nation's chemical and biological defense

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. - An availability session and awards ceremony will be held at Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) December 15, 8 a.m., to recognize inventions receiving the Army Materiel Command's "Top Ten Greatest Invention" award.

The three inventions all have important **homeland security** applications:

- The **Automated Biological Agent Testing System** handles high volume of potentially contaminated biological samples, such as those taken at office buildings after possible anthrax detection.
- The **Advanced Chemical Biological Mask**, to be fielded to all soldiers in all services in two years, sets the new standard for mask requirements.
- The **Biological Advanced Warning System** is a critical component of a system of detectors currently in use around high profile buildings in the Washington area

The schedule for December 15:

- 8-9 a.m. Discussion of the inventions, with individual subject matter expert availability in an "open house" format
- 9 a.m. Awards ceremony
- 10 a.m. Subject matter availability

To attend, please contact Joan Michel in the ECBC Public Affairs Office at 410-436-3610 or by emailing joan.michel@apgea.army.mil. Security arrangements will need to be made prior to your attendance.